

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/588,747 Confirmation No. 4449
Applicant : Thomas Bayer et al.
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Examiner : Terence Boes

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Customer No. : 34704

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed October 31, 2011, setting a three (3) month shortened statutory period for response which expired on January 31, 2012, and which has been extended two months to March 31, 2012, please amend said application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments which begin on page 8 of this paper.